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**UTILITY  
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| Attorney Docket No.    | 6204-00136   |
| First Inventor         | Bhajmohan (Ricky) Singh  |
| Title                  | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUSTOMIZING A MULTIPLE COMPONENT PET FOOD |
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Application claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 21]  
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 3]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages     ]
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (If applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(If foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: Express Mail Certificate, Declaration and Power of Attorney (for identification of inventors only)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.:     /

Prior application information:

Examiner:

Group/Art Unit:

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**☐ Customer Number or Bar Code Label (Insert Custom No. or Attach bar code label here) or ☒ Correspondence address below

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
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| Application Number     |                         |
| Filing Date            |                         |
| First Named Inventor   | Bhajmohan (Ricky) Singh |
| Group Art Unit         |                         |
| Examiner Name          |                         |
| Attorney Docket Number | 6204-00136              |

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- 2.
- ☐
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☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101            | 710             | 201            | 355             | Utility Filing Fee     | \$710.00 |
| 106            | 320             | 206            | 160             | Design Filing Fee      |          |
| 107            | 490             | 207            | 245             | Plant Filing Fee       |          |
| 108            | 710             | 208            | 355             | Reissue filing Fee     |          |
| 114            | 150             | 214            | 75              | Provisional Filing Fee |          |
| SUBTOTAL (1)   |                 |                |                 |                        | \$710.00 |

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

| Total Claims         | Extra Claims | Fee From Below | Fee Paid |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 28                   | -20** 8      | \$18           | \$144.00 |
| Independent Claims 6 | -3* 3        | \$80           | \$240.00 |
| Multiple Dependant   |              |                |          |

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 103            | 18              | 203            | 9               | Claims in excess of 20                                    |
| 102            | 80              | 202            | 40              | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |
| 104            | 270             | 204            | 135             | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                     |
| 109            | 80              | 209            | 40              | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110            | 18              | 210            | 9               | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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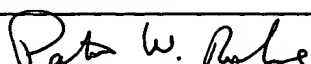
**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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| 105            | 130             | 205            | 65              | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 127            | 50              | 227            | 25              | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                       |          |
| 139            | 130             | 139            | 130             | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147            | 2520            | 147            | 2520            | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 112            | 920*            | 112            | 920*            | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113            | 1040*           | 113            | 1040*           | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115            | 110             | 215            | 55              | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116            | 390             | 216            | 195             | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117            | 890             | 217            | 445             | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118            | 1390            | 218            | 695             | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128            | 1890            | 228            | 945             | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119            | 310             | 219            | 155             | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120            | 310             | 220            | 155             | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121            | 270             | 221            | 135             | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138            | 1510            | 138            | 1510            | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140            | 110             | 240            | 55              | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141            | 1240            | 241            | 620             | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142            | 1240            | 242            | 620             | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143            | 440             | 243            | 220             | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144            | 600             | 244            | 300             | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 122            | 130             | 122            | 130             | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 123            | 50              | 123            | 50              | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |          |
| 126            | 180             | 126            | 180             | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581            | 40              | 581            | 40              | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146            | 710             | 246            | 355             | Filing a submission after a final rejection (37-CFR 1.129(a))              |          |
| 149            | 710             | 249            | 355             | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
| 179            | 710             | 279            | 355             | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 169            | 900             | 169            | 900             | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

Other fee (specify)

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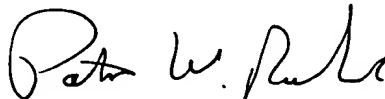
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I certify that the attached utility patent application of **Ralston Purina Company** (Attorney Docket No. 6204-00136) for **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUSTOMIZING A MULTIPLE COMPONENT PET FOOD** including:

- Fourteen (14) pages of specification; six (6) pages of claims; one (1) page of abstract
- Three (3) sheets of drawings
- Patent Application Transmittal (1 page)
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